

WASHINGTON STATE FIRE DEFENSE COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

October 16th, 2007 10:00am

REGULAR MEETING

A regular meeting of the Washington State Fire Defense Committee was held on Tuesday October 16, 2007 at 10:00 AM at the Emergency Management Division at Camp Murray.

Present at the meeting were:

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| Central Region: | Tedd Hendershot, Steve North |
| Lower Columbia Region | Allen Walker |
| Mid Columbia Region | Randy Johnson |
| Northeast Region | Bill Walkup, Bruce Holloway |
| Northwest Region | Glenn Brautaset |
| Olympic Region | Allen Knobbs |
| South Puget Sound Region | Jim Jaques |
| Southeast Region | Grant Baynes |
| Southwest Region | Tom McDowell, Dave LaFave |
| WSP Fire Protection Bureau | Dan Johnson, Sue Carr, Paul Perz |
| DNR | Joe Shramek |
| EMD | Ron Wilson |
| FPPB | |

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| Guests: | Steve Vogel, Olympic Region |
| | Tod Gates, NW region |
| | Matt Coldwell, NW Region |

Chair Bill Walkup called the meeting to order at 10:05. The agenda was approved

MINUTES

- The minutes of the September 18th, 2007 meeting were approved as submitted.

REPORTS

- **Fire Protection Bureau (Paul Perz)**

Paul reported that the Mobilization Plan became hung up in the Governor's Office due to change in personnel. The Fire Protection Bureau is going to move the PLAN along and process it internally with the WSP for the Chief's signature.

Paul said the all risk mobilization issue has gone to Gary Austin for finalization prior to action. Bruce Holloway clarified that the issue was a budget language issue not a legislative matter and that it is to be in the Governor's Budget out in November.

They are continuing to work on the web site. They are working with the Dept of Information Systems to make it a workable and interactive system. He indicated that it may take some time.

- **Emergency Management (Ron Wilson)**

Ron updated the Committee on the status of the hazardous materials study grant and the CBRNE projects he is working on.

Department of Natural Resources

Joe gave a summary of the 2007 wildfire season. He stated that it was about an average year. Activity level was about 88 percent of the proceeding five years. The northeast region was high in activity and the west side was abnormally low. A lot of type 3 team organizations were used and that appeared to have gone well.

Joe mentioned that the DRN has submitted a PSIC grant which would provide emergency communications units that would be available for fire activity as well as state wide homeland security and other manmade or natural disasters and events.

- **Fire Protection Policy Board**

No report.

- **Geographic Board (Walkup)**

Bill advised that there is a meeting this Thursday and there is a lengthy agenda.

Joe Shramek related several important issues on the agenda for the meeting:

- Meeting the needs for IMT's in the future
- Starting the team selection process
- Apprentice / shadow program to provide an avenue for accelerated development to team positions.
- Status of retired folks being used on IMT's
- Dispatching of teams – single point of dispatch
- Numbers of teams in the Pacific Northwest

- **PNWCC**

No report.

- **All Risk Legislation Changes**

Discussed under the Fire Protection Bureau report.

ACTIVE ISSUES

- **Nomination for Chair and Vice Chair.**

Nominations were opened for the positions of chair and vice chair. Holloway nominated Randy Johnson for chair. Dave LaFave was nominated as vice chair. McDowell moved the nominations be closed seconded by Brautaset and the motion passed.

LaFave moved to that the bylaws be suspended to allow the election to be held at this meeting, that the candidates for the positions of chair and vice chair be approved and to have the recommended officers forwarded to the Fire Protection Policy Board. Motion was seconded by Hendershot and the motion carried.

THE MEETING WAS SUSPENDED FOR LUNCH – PROVIDED BY RON WILSON

- **All Risk IMT work effort – Type 3 teams**

There was lengthy discussion of the All-Hazard Type 3 team process for Washington.

Bruce Holloway moved the Draft of the Type 3 Team Incident Qualification Guide for Washington be forwarded to the Fire Protection Policy Board with the recommendation that it be moved forward to the State Fire Marshal. Inherent in the motion was the agreement that the SFDC would continue to work on the project and provide assistance to the State Fire Marshal to help in its implementation.

The motion was seconded by LaFave and the motion carried.

NEW ISSUES AND OTHER BUSINESS

- It was discussed that the SFDC not hold a meeting in November unless the chair felt there was important business to conduct. It could be done by conference call if needed.
- The 2008 schedule of meetings is as follows:

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| ▪ January | Spokane |
| ▪ February | Tri-Cities |
| ▪ March | Kelso |
| ▪ April | Olympia |
| ▪ May | Chelan |
| ▪ June | Yakima |
| ▪ July | Camp Murray |
| ▪ August | No Meeting |
| ▪ September | Vancouver |
| ▪ October | Spokane |
| ▪ November | Lynnwood |
| ▪ December | No Meeting |
- There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.